

# International Intelligence

## Prince Philip calls for culling human beings

Prince Philip of England told the recently concluded Davos, Switzerland Symposium: "The apparently unending growth of the world's human population can only end in a crisis for all life on earth."

Speaking in his capacity as president of the World Wildlife Fund, he told the assembly of 600 business and government leaders: "You cannot keep a bigger flock of sheep than you are capable of feeding. In other words, *conservation may involve culling in order to keep a balance between the relative numbers in each species within any peculiar habitat.* I realize that it is a very touchy subject. . . ."

The World Wildlife Fund was organized in the 1940s by Sir Julian Huxley as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and has worked worldwide to prevent economic development, especially in African and Ibero-American nations. Its board includes Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and various members of the House of Hapsburg.

## 'German Patriots' hit Kohl's economics

The Patriots for Germany, an organization formed in October 1985, placed its third national newspaper ad in Germany on Feb. 12, signed by 58 prominent individuals. The ad, which focused its attack on the economic policy of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian-Democratic government, appeared in national dailies like the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and *Die Welt*, as well as various regional papers.

Of the signers, at least one-half are either directly affiliated with, or sympathizers of, the Christian Democrats, including names which have caused a political sensation—persons active in various official positions within the Christian Democracy.

The advertisement reads in part: "Aside from the targeted dismantling of our econ-

omy conducted [Christian Democratic Party] and the Greens, it is a scandal that 'Christian' politicians, of all people, continue the 'liberal' economic policy dictated by the international financial cartels. Christian ethics and our moral responsibility require, that the ruthless destruction of human existence for reasons of financial interest be strictly opposed. It was Cardinal Ratzinger at the historical Synod of Bishops in Rome who recently demanded of every Christian, that economic policy and Christian morality must be brought into accord, i.e., that the welfare of society has priority over egoistic 'market interests.'"

"We Patriots for Germany herewith appeal to all citizens in the Federal Republic of Germany, but especially to all Christian politicians of the Christian Democratic Union, to contribute to achieving this [agreement between ethics and economic policy], because it is only in this way that every citizen of our country can contribute to the well-being of humanity through his own work."

## Airlines refuse AIDS questionnaire

U.S. airlines are refusing to pass out questionnaires asking visitors arriving at Brazil's Carnival the first week of February to answer questions about their sexual preferences and possible contacts with AIDS.

"Some airlines are putting their commercial interests above public health concern," said José Padilla de Castro, director of sanitary control regarding foreigners. European airlines are distributing the forms to their passengers. Brazilian health authorities had originally intended to request all tourists to present blood tests showing whether they were AIDS carriers, but the voluntary questionnaire was adopted instead.

Dr. William Weissmann, author of the questionnaire, told the press: "We would like to know if our hypothesis is true that Carnival is a specific time when the disease enters Brazil. . . . We do not have the resources to deal with a massive outbreak."

## Trade union revolt against Swedish PM

In early February, an unprecedented revolt began inside the trade union base of Swedish Social Democratic Prime Minister Olof Palme over the latter's austerity policies.

More than 1,500 shipworkers at the Malmö shipworks, Kockums, have resigned from the Social Democratic Party in protest over Palme's continuing destruction of the industry, once the world's second largest.

In Falun, at a Saab-Scania factory, 20,000 workers signed a petition of support for the local chairman and vice-chairman of the factory council, who resigned from the Social Democratic Party.

Palme was re-elected last September on a promise to end austerity and improve wages. In a deal with the International Monetary Fund, austerity programs were postponed until after Palme's re-election. For the 10th year in a row, blue-collar workers are being forced to negotiate real wage decreases. Since 1975, real wages have dropped by one-twelfth.

## Fight on AIDS in Great Britain

A group of doctors and medical consultants at Royal Hull Infirmary in London issued a circular in early February entitled, "The Facts About AIDS," which claims that "alarmist and inaccurate media coverage has created unfounded fears in health care workers about the possible risk when dealing with an actual or suspected AIDS case."

This drew an angry response from Gordon McDougall, the National Union of Public Health Workers secretary, who charged: "It seems the media is being made scapegoats, when in fact the disease is getting out of hand. They are trying to allay the fears of the medical staff, instead of treating us like grown-ups. The circular is irresponsible when experts are saying that the plague of AIDS could reach epidemic proportions. To

tell us merely to wear gowns and gloves is ludicrous.”

Meanwhile, British embalmers have been told not to handle AIDS corpses. This was in response to a request for guidelines from the Department of Health by the British Institute of Embalmers, who were worried about the risks to its 1,000 members.

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### **So. African black leader in overture to Botha**

In an interview given prior to President P. W. Botha's speech on Jan. 31 announcing major reforms, Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi, prime minister of the Kwa-Zulu homeland, called on Botha to take three steps:

“First, to announce that South Africa is one country, and that it should therefore have one constitution. Then, to end the state of emergency. Finally, to free the imprisoned black nationalist leaders, including Mandela, Sisulu, etc. If he does those three things, I would be prepared to talk to him, otherwise not.”

Botha subsequently announced the first of those three, and the release of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela appears imminent.

Asked if Mandela was not an agent of Moscow and a communist militant, Buthelezi said: “Not at all. I have known Mandela for a long time. We were and are still close friends. Mandela cannot be a communist or an agent of anyone.” Buthelezi stressed that he believed that apartheid could be dismantled by “a political and cultural fight, without recourse to arms or violence.”

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### **Soviet press hails U.S. budget cuts**

*Literaturnaya Gazeta*, a Soviet weekly closely associated with the KGB, featured a “debate” in its first February issue on the state of U.S.-Soviet relations. It featured Yevgenii Primakov, the new director of IM-EMO, a Soviet foreign-policy think tank, and *Lit Gaz* commentator Vitalii Kobysch,

who singled out U.S. budget cuts for praise.

Headlined, “At the Threshold of the Third Millennium,” the article asserts that there are “deep divisions” inside the American administration on the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Primakov says that the major U.S. arms producers have put their stakes on SDI already, expecting big profits from it; but Kobysch objects:

“There are data which prove that a considerable . . . part of the American military-industrial complex, and not business in general, have not made a definite decision in respect to SDI yet.

“The very character of American capitalism is such that an efficient corporation has to give its shareholders a bird in the hand, and not two birds in space. . . . There is yet another aspect, often forgotten, when you talk about SDI. The issue is that the United States simply cannot afford a trillion dollar enterprise with ‘Star Wars,’ at least not with their current budget.

“In the next months, the national debt of the richest country in the capitalist world will go beyond the marker of \$2 trillion—a figure which you write with 12 zeroes. Of course you can talk about the ‘stability reserves’ of American capitalism. But the captains of the U.S. ship of state, at least the experienced and farsighted ones, know very well that the game with these zeroes led to the catastrophic crisis of 1929-1933. Their minds are now troubled by this.”

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### **Meeting between Pope and Gorbachov?**

A meeting between Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov and Pope John Paul II is possible, says Vatican spokesman Joachim Navarro. The statement was made in India, where the Pope was touring, in early February.

Navarro said a meeting can be realized if Gorbachov accepts an invitation to visit Italy. A commentary in *Il Giornale* by reliable vatican-watcher Benny Lai also reports on the possibility of such a meeting, saying that it is usual for Soviet representatives visiting Italy to meet with the Pope.

## Briefly

● **HENRY KISSINGER** held a private meeting with a leading member of the Venezuelan Cisneros clan recently, says a European source. The Cisneros family was involved in the banning of *EIR*'s book, *Narcotráfico, S.A. (Dope, Inc.)* in February 1985.

● **‘NAZI, NAZI, NAZI’** was the chant of thousands of Israeli demonstrators in Jerusalem who attempted to block Rabbi Meir Kahane from holding a meeting there on Feb. 12. “We will not allow the cancer of Kahane to grow in Jerusalem,” Israeli radio quoted Mayor Teddy Kollek. Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, advocates expelling all Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories.

● **A CHANGE OF GUARD** has occurred in the Soviet-run “Communicable Diseases” division of the World Health Organization, which spreads disinformation about AIDS. Virology expert Dr. Bekhtimirov has returned to the U.S.S.R. His replacement is Soviet Dr. Ghendon.

● **ALL COUNTRIES** of Europe, East and West, except Albania, are sending delegations to a one-week conference on “European Integration” in Venice in September 1986.

● **FIVE IRANIAN** activists occupied the embassy of Peru in Denmark Feb. 12, to show “solidarity” with the Shining Path terrorists in Peru.

● **THE GRAMM-RUDMAN** bill is “unworthy of the leading nation of the Western world,” wrote Horst Alexander Siebert in *Die Welt* of Feb. 10. The bill robs the U.S. government of all flexibility. He characterized budget cuts as a weakening of the Western alliance “through the back door.”